GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:199
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2003
SUICIDE ATTACKS BY MILITANTS
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are devising new strategies to tackle the situation of frequent incidents of attacks by suicidal terrorist groups;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether his Ministry have pointed out that attacks were taking place despite the security arrangements;

(d) if so, whether financial help and other assistance has been provided to the States where such attacks by such terrorists still continue in a large scale; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 199 FOR 4-3-2003 REGARDING SUI ATTACKS BY MILITANTS

(a) & (b): The various aspects including the strategies and modus operandi adopted by the Islamic terrorist groups in different suicidal attacks in the country have been studied by the Central Government and the States have been advised to review the security arrangements to prevent possible suicidal attacks in the future and minimize the damage in the event of actual attacks. The States have also been advised to organize suitable training programmes for their Police and intelligence officials engaged in protection of vulnerable targets.

(c) to (e): In order to assist the States to undertake effective steps to counter terrorism, the Central Government has set up new mechanisms for synergizing and coordinating the intelligence efforts of the Central agencies and the State Police Forces in the field of counter terrorism.

The State Governments are regularly sensitized to the emerging threats in the internal security scenario.Besides, the Central Government provides financial assistance for modernizing the State Police Forces. Central Para Military Forces are deployed as and when required by the States.